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1. The export quota for Land Saxony for the third quarter of 1947 was set by SMA at 50,000,000 RM, distributed as follows:

Textile industry	32,000,000 RM
Paper and technical equipment	15,000,000 RM
Tanning products (skins)	3,000,000 RM

The raw materials for implementing the quota, however, will not begin to be available until the middle of September.

2. No official announcement of how the difficulty is to be met has been made. [redacted] however, that SMA will combine quotas for the third and fourth quarters of 1947, a measure which was resorted to once during 1946. In spite of the shortage of raw materials, producers were instructed to accept orders at the Leipzig Sample Fair in September, although these were supposed to be filled from the third quarter quota. No provision was made for interzonal trade orders. Last year, a certain percentage of export goods was reserved for interzonal trade. [redacted] orders placed by a company in the American Zone were never filled.

3. In conformity with SMA policies, the Ministry of Economics and Labor of Land Saxony created a state company, known as Export and Import GmbH, to coordinate all import and export through supervision of companies holding Soviet export licenses (Vertrauenshändler der SMA für den Aussenhandel). Companies in this position include:

Fitting and Co., Zöblitz and Zwickau, textiles
Limportex, Leipzig, textiles
Kegel, Dresden, paper and technical equipment, including machines
Import and Export Company for Medical and Optical Supplies, Dresden
A Leipzig firm, name unknown, leather goods (skins)

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